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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
WILLIAM MUTILANGI ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/458,677)
Filed: December 10, 1999)
For: USE OF METAL SALTS TO)
IMPROVE THE TASTE OF LOW-)
CALORIE BEVERAGES)
SWEETENED WITH SUCRALOSE:)

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin
Group Art Unit: 1761
October 16, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for further action in the present case for one month from September 17, 2002, to October 17, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

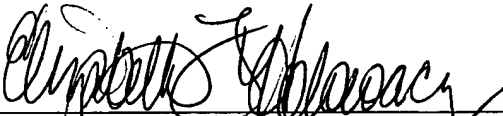
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